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Dear Elizabeth

**MU Peterborough Diocese AFIA update.**

The last report was made in November for Forum. This update does not include anything previously reported on.

We had expected to be quiet over Christmas but we had requests from Northamptonshire Carers to support four of their Young Carers. We made up two 'pamper hampers':

1. One for J, 13 yrs, who helps to care for her younger sister, 10 yrs, who has multiple disabilities. J herself is much affected by the impact her sisters' disabilities have on the family. This family was due to have an AFIA holiday in 2019 but this was postponed as mother fell down and broke her jaw.

2. The other pamper hamper was for W, 11 yrs, whose caring role included her mother, who had terminal cancer but who sadly died just before Christmas, and her father who has medical and mental health conditions and for whom she acts as interpreter; unfortunately this involved all the funeral arrangements.

Some (new) items for the pamper hampers were donated when friends heard what we were doing.

We also made up two food hampers:

1. One for R, 13 yrs, whose mother is waiting for a heart transplant and has other medical conditions, she is in and out of hospital and has had to stop work so money is very tight. Sometimes she is so poorly that R has to take care of his younger brother, under 3 years.

2. The other food hamper was for E, 7 yrs, and C, 5 yrs. E cares for her father who is awaiting a triple heart bypass and is very poorly. She also helps care for C who has additional needs and behavioural problems. Her mother has complex health needs and they have no additional support; money is also tight.

We have booked three holidays for Young Carers and their families to have a summer holiday at Hemsby, and another Young Carer and her mother will have a short break in Cornwall in the autumn which includes having breakfast with seals. These will be covered in more detail in future reports.

Earlier in the year we had given funds to Uppingham C of E Primary School to support children with special educational needs and disabilities. They run a Saturday Community Lego Club but with Covid19 this all stopped and so lego kits were sent home with the children which had many benefits. By December, Margareta and I felt we still had sufficient funds to enable AFIA to support the other half of this group.

We have permission to share these photos of the children with their Lego kits, and the bags showing the Mothers' Union prayer cards.



These are the 'pamper hampers' and are slightly different from each other. The third picture shows one of the food hampers, they were both the same. The fourth picture shows the wrapped boxes all ready to go. Preparing these 'hampers' was quite tiring but so satisfying and the feedback made it all worthwhile.



Best wishes  
Anne.